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REFS: A. STATE A-3450, APRIL 29, 1974

B. LAGOS A-138, JUNE 20, 1974

1. TOGETHER WITH REF B, THIS TELEGRAM REPLIES TO REF A'S REQUEST FOR STATUS REPORT ON "CASE" AND "EARLY WARNING" PROJECTS MAINTAINED ON FILE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE'S MAJOR EXPORT PROJECTS DIVISION.

2. "CASE" PROJECT:IND-32/LVG PLANT: NO CHANGE FROM SUMMARY CONTAINED PAR A2, LAGOS A-41 OF MARCH 4, 1974. CONSULTANTS (IMEG) NOW HELPING EVALUATE LNG PROPOSALS FROM SHELL-BP, GULF, PHILLIPS/AGIP, AND TENNECO. FMG OFFICIALS HAVE PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGED PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN SHORT-LISTED TO FOUR BUT REFUSE PREDICT WHEN CHOICE OF PARTNER OR PARTNERS WILL BE MADE. SEE SEPTEL IN REPLY TO STATE A181610 OF AUGUST 19.

3. "CASE" PROJECT:IND-40/LNG TANKERS:

----- ONE OF SEVERAL MAJOR COMPONENTS OF LNG PROJECT WHICH WILL FOLLOW IF AND WHEN OVERALL PROJECT (IND-32) MATERIALIZES. SEE PAR A3, LAGOS A-41.

4. "EARLY WARNING" PROJECT:DEVELOPMENT OF ELECTRIC

POWER SECTOR:

----- PAR B3, LAGOS A-41, STILL APPLIES.

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BID OPENING AUGUST 31 FOR SAPELE POWER STATION: GE/BACOCK

AND WILCOX ONLY US BIDDER KNOWN TO EMBASSY. PLANNING CONTINUES FOR OTHER (SMALLER) ADDITIONS TO GENERATING TRANSMISSION CAPACITY.

5. "EARLY WARNING" PROJECT: KAINJI-NIAMEY TRANSMISSION LINE:

AS NOTED BY PAR B2, LAGOS A-41, FIRMS INTERESTED IN CONSTRUCTION OF NIGERIAN PORTION HAD TO SUBMIT REQUALIFICATION INFORMATION PRIOR JUNE 11, 1973. ENGINEERING NOW BEING COMPLETED BY SHAWMONT ((JOINT VENTURE OF TWO CANADIAN FIRMS) UNDER GRANT FROM CANADIAN GOVERNMENT. CONSTRUCTION WILL PROBABLY ALSO RECEIVE CONCESSIONAL FINANCE FROM CANADA. SEE NIAMEY A-23 ABOUT INTEREST-FREE CANADIAN LOAN FOR PORTION IN NIGER.

6. EARLY WARNING PROJECT: SPECIALIST HOSPITALS IN EIGHT STATES:

LAGOS A-46 OF MARCH 23, 1973 REPORTED FMG'S ANNOUNCED INTENTION TO ALLOCATE DOLS. 145.9 MILLION TO EIGHT STATES FOR PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING SPECIALIST HOSPITALS. OF THAT AMOUNT, HOWEVER, ONLY \$9 MILLION HAS SO FAR BEEN WIDELY DIFFUSED TO HOSPITALS AROUND NIGERIA, AND HAS NOT BEEN APPLIED TO ANY SINGLE PROJECT LARGE ENOUGH TO ATTRACT INTEREST OF U.S. EQUIPMENT SUPPLIERS. WE WILL HAVE BETTER INDICATION OF FUTURE FMG ALLOCATIONS TO SPECIALIST HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION WITH PUBLICATION OF NEXT DEVELOPMENT PLAN (1975-80) EXPECTED IN DRAFT FROM BEFORE END OF THIS YEAR.

7. WITH REFERENCE TO ABOVE, INTERESTED U.S. EQUIPMENT SUPPLIERS NEED NOT LIMIT THEMSELVES TO SPECIALIST HOSPITALS. ALL TWELVE STATES, IN ADDITION TO FMG, CAN BE EXPECTED TO MAKE HEAVY CAPITAL EXPENDITURES ON TEACHING HOSPITALS AND GENERAL HOSPITALS, AS WELL AS SPECIALIST HOSPITALS, DURING 1975-80 PERIOD. BEST OVERVIEW OF SUCH EXPENDITURES CAN BE OBTAINED FROM DEVELOPMENT PLANS AND BUDGETS WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE IN COMMERCE. SHEER NUMBER OF PROJECTS, AND FACT THAT THEY ARE ADMINISTERED FOR MOST PART BY INDIVIDUAL STATE GOVERNMENTS, PREVENT EMBASSY AND CONSULATES FROM REPORTING ON EACH ONE INDIVIDUALLY; BUT WE WILL CONTINUE TO REPORT ON THOSE WHICH WE OR U.S. FIRMS THINK MAY BE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST.

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8. EARLY WARNING PROJECT: SPECIALIST HOSPITALS (VALUE \$9 MILLION).

ASSUME THIS CAPTION REFERS TO EXPANSION OF TEACHING HOSPITAL AND COLLEGE OF MEDICINE AT UNIVERSITY OF LAGOS REPORTED LAGOS 8769, NOVEMBER 1, 1973. EXPENDITURES THROUGH CURRENT PLAN PERIOD WERE PROJECTED AT \$9 MILLION FOR TEACHING HOSPITAL, \$11 MILLION FOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE. EXPENDITURES

FOR 1975-80 PERIOD STILL EXPECTED TOTAL \$30 MILLION, ON
IMPROVEMENTS AS DESCRIBED REFTTEL, BUT WE HAVE NO FURTHER
INFORMATION AT THIS TIME. AS FAR AS EMBASSY AWARE, NO
U.S. FIRMS HAVE SO FAR RESPONDED TO THIS EARLY WARNING.
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